

Two Bays, One World

A Student Project in Cross-Cultural Understanding

"It is our duty as stewards of this precious blue orb entrusted to our care to give young people the Earth's future caretakers — the tools necessary to ensure its conservation for generations to come."

> —John Turner, Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs

aryland, Virginia and Washington, DC public school students will compare and contrast the Chesapeake Bay and the Bay of Bengal from environmental, social and economic perspectives in a pilot international educational program initiated by the U.S. Department of State.



Chesapeake Bay

Scheduled for the fall of 2004, "Two Bays, One World" will offer middle school students in participating schools a special two-month curriculum focused on these two important bodies of water, their watersheds and the communities that rely on them. Students will benefit from expert lectures, field trips and interactive dialogues with students in Bangladesh.

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The following entities and institutions have joined the State Department in supporting the "Two Bays, One World" project:

- The Government of Bangladesh
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- The Smithsonian Institution
- The Conservation Fund
- Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia **Public Schools**
- Chittagong School of Bangladesh

cational programs and increase understanding between the youth of the United States and the youth of Bangladesh. It is designed in partnership with educators, the Embassy of Bangladesh, and non-governmental organizations.



Bay of Bengal

"Two Bays, One World" will be featured on the Department's Student Web site http://future.state.gov/, which has a section for parents and educators http://future.state.gov/future/educators/index.html.

For more information about this program, call the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, (202) 647-3486.